

Health IT Quick-Stat #31

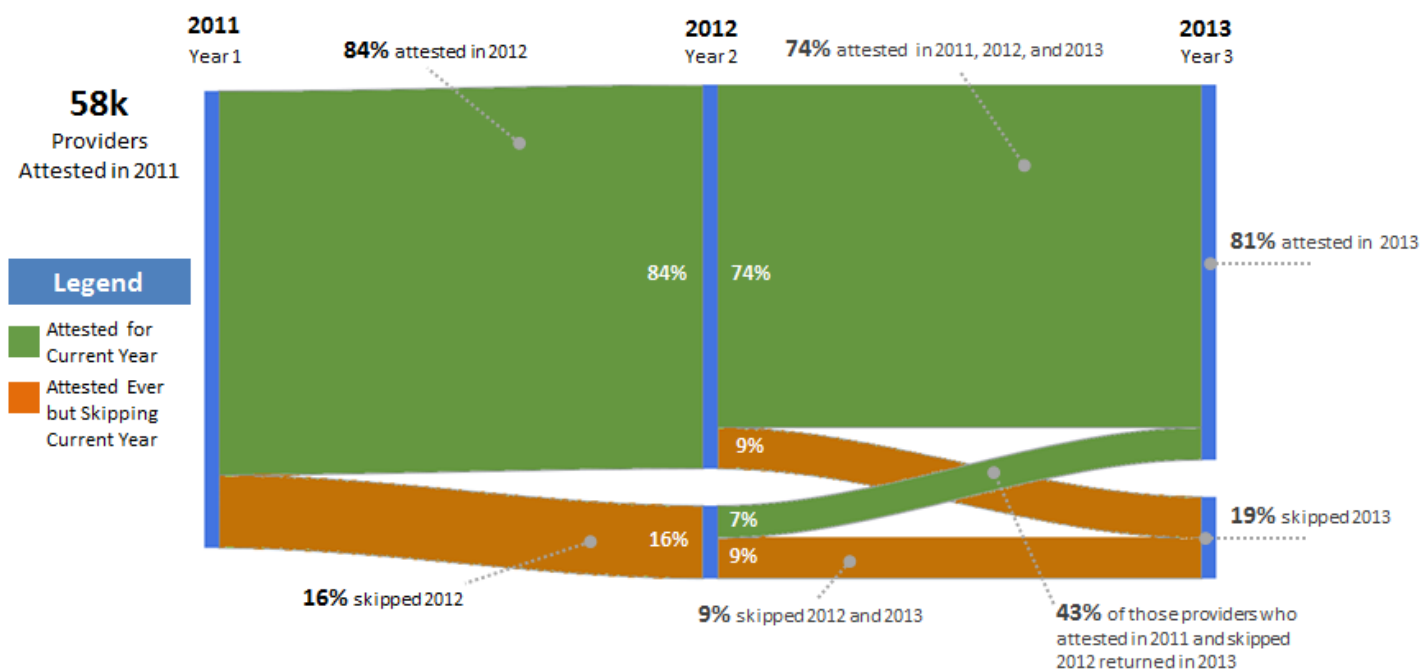
Medicare EHR Incentive Program

Attestation Patterns among Medicare Professionals who First Attested to Meaningful Use in 2011

May 2014

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Attestation Patterns, 2011-2013

2011 (Year 1)	58k
2012 (Year 2)	49k
% Skipped Year 2	16%
2013 (Year 3)	47k
% of Those Providers that Skipped Year 2 and then Returned for Year 3	43%
% Skipped Year 3	19%

<http://dashboard.healthit.gov/quickstats/pages/FIG-Medicare-Professionals-Stage-One-Meaningful-Use-Attestation-Cohort-2011.html>

Summary:

Approximately 58k health care professionals attested to meaningful use of a certified EHR in 2011 through the Medicare EHR Incentive program. As of May 2014, 9 in 10 providers who attested to Meaningful Use in 2011 attested again in a following year. Of the 16% of providers that skipped their second year (2012), 43% returned to the program in 2013. 9% of the initial cohort skipped both 2012 and 2013.

The Public Use File used for this analysis only includes Medicare attestations and therefore does not capture instances where a health care professional switched from the Medicare program to the Medicaid program. Up to an estimated 1% of providers may be noted as “skipping” a year when in fact they switched from Medicare to Medicaid. Providers may also skip a year because they are no longer eligible for the program due to retirement, departure from active or ambulatory care practice, or other reasons.

Source:

Based on analysis of the 'Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Program Electronic Health Record Products Used for Attestation' public use data file, May 2014. The data file can be downloaded directly here: <http://www.healthdata.gov/data/dataset/cms-medicare-and-medicaid-ehr-incentive-program-electronic-health-record-products-used>. This public use file updates monthly.

Notes:

For an analysis of all Medicare EHR Incentive program attestations through 2013, see [ONC Quick Stat, no. 32](#).

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